Nor is it a less beautiful provision of God that the uniformity and the contingency are alike under the direct control of God, by their both following from causes which he hath put in operation. The contingency has a respect to man and not to God, with whom it is certainty. Even in regard to the furtnilies of life, men can cherish the confidence, that they are under the control of infinite wisdom and goodness. They may seem light as gases or floating vapours; but, like them, wherever they go they are under central attraction, which keeps them in their places as necessary parts, as the elastic agents of the system.

(5.) It is by the twofold operation of those two grand, powers *that society is made to move forward.* The one gives to society its statical., and the other its dynainieal power. The uniform laws arc like the orderly strata produced in the ancient geological world throughout long ages, and by the peaceful agency of water. The contingencies, again, may be compared to those upheavals which have been produced by boiling igneous matter pouring itself from the bowels of the earth, and raising the sediment of the ocean to become the peaks of the highi'st mountains. It seems as if society at large required, us individual men also require, the agency of both elements. Without; the one all would be hare and rugged, and without the other all would be ilafc and tains. The result of both is existing society, with its high elevations towering over and sheltering its HecpU'stered vales. The one, to vary our illustration, is the conservative, arid the other the reforming principle in the constitution of the world. The one gives to it its equality and peace, and the other keeps it from stagnating and breeding corruption. The one in the centripetal, and the oilier the centrifugal force; and it is by their nice adjustment that the world moves along in its allotted sphere.

And let us mark how many of the great changes which have given life to society, 1mve arisen not so much from the orderly and anticipated successions of events as from those that are unexpected and fortuitous. All great living movements have originated where mighty rivers rise, in the midst of ruggedness. No doubt, there must have been antecedent; predisposing and heaven-appointed causes, just as the ruins of heaven supply the materials, and the interior of the hills the channels, for the waters that gusli out in the springs among the mountains; but in themselves they have leapt at once into existence., and dashed